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ICCVAM Test Method Evaluation Process and Charge to the Expert Panel

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Consumer Product Safety
Commission

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Department of the Interior

Department of Transportation

Environmental Protection Agency

Food and Drug Administration

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Non-Regulatory/Research

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Preamble ICCVAM Authorization Act (P.L. 106-545)

"To establish, where feasible, guidelines, recommendations, and regulations that promote the regulatory acceptance of new or revised scientifically valid toxicological tests that protect human and animal health and the environment while reducing, refining, or replacing animal tests and ensuring human safety and product effectiveness."



ICCVAM Duties (P.L. 106-545)

- Facilitate and provide guidance on test method development, validation criteria, and validation processes
- Consider petitions from the public for review and evaluation of validated test methods
- Facilitate acceptance of scientifically valid test methods
- Review and evaluate new or revised or alternative test methods applicable to regulatory testing
- Submit test recommendations to Federal agencies
- Facilitate interagency and international harmonization of test methods



NTP Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM)

- Located at NIEHS
- Functions:
 - Administer ICCVAM
 - Provide scientific and operational support for ICCVAM activities
 - Organize test method peer reviews, expert panel meetings, and workshops
 - Communicate and partner with stakeholders
 - Conduct independent validation studies
- http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov



What is Validation?

- The process by which the reliability and relevance of a procedure are established for a specific purpose.¹
 - Reliability: A measure of the extent to which a test method can be performed reproducibly within and among laboratories over time. It is assessed by determining intra- and inter-laboratory reproducibility and intra-laboratory repeatability.
 - Relevance: The extent to which a test method correctly predicts or measures the biological effect of interest. Relevance incorporates consideration of the 'accuracy' of a test method.
- Validation characterizes the usefulness and limitations of a test method for a specific purpose.
- Adequate validation is a prerequisite for regulatory acceptance consideration

Validation and Regulatory Acceptance of Toxicological Test Methods: A Report of the ad hoc Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods; NIH Pub. No. 97-3981, 1997, NIEHS, Research Triangle Park, NC. http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/guidelines/validate.pdf



Criteria for Test Method Validation¹

- 1. Clear statement of proposed use and regulatory rationale
- 2. Biological basis/mechanistic relationship to effect of interest
- 3. Formal detailed protocol
- 4. Reliability adequately assessed
- 5. Relevance adequately assessed
- 6. Limitations described
- 7. All data (raw) available for review
- 8. Data quality: Ideally GLPs
- 9. Independent scientific peer review
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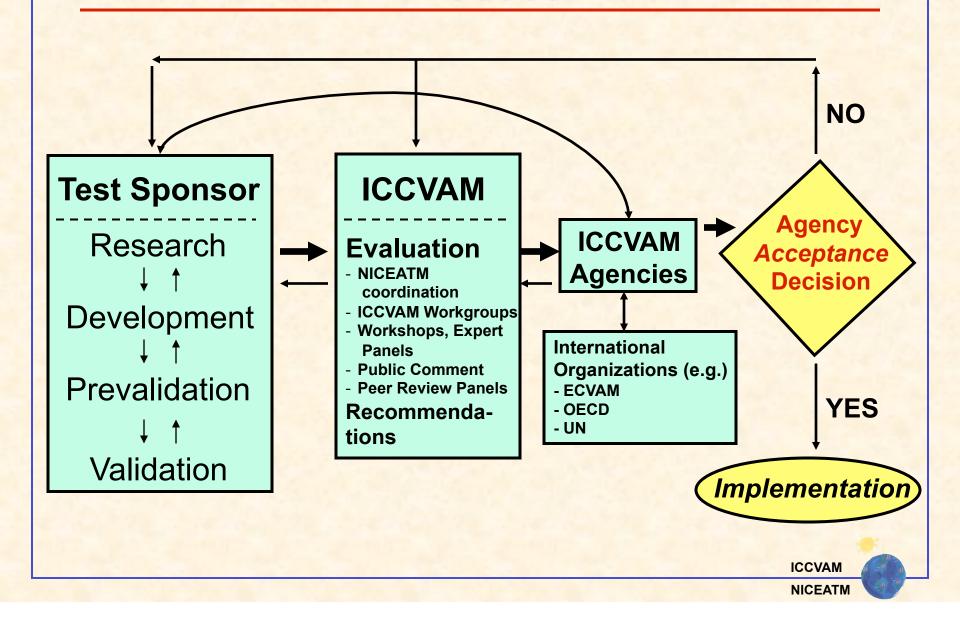


Criteria for Test Method Acceptance¹

- 1. Fits into the regulatory testing structure
- 2. Adequately predicts the toxic endpoint of interest
- 3. Generates data useful for risk assessment
- 4. Adequate data available for specified uses
- 5. Robust and transferable
- 6. Time and cost-effective
- 7. Adequate animal welfare consideration (3Rs)
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ICCVAM Test Method Evaluation Process



Why ocular hazard/safety testing?

- Several eyelash dyes in the 1930s in the U.S. resulted in permanent eye damage and vision loss
 - The U.S. Food and Drug Act amended to include safety testing of cosmetics in 1938
 - Other products covered in subsequent U.S. laws
- Accidental eye injury is the leading cause of visual impairment in the U.S.
 - More than 1 million eye injuries annually
 - 10-20% result in temporary or permanent vision loss
- Workplace and household chemicals are a significant cause of these injuries
 - NIOSH reported 39,200 workplace chemicalrelated eye injuries in 1998

Sources: American Academy of Ophthalmology; NIOSH



In Vitro Alternatives for Ocular Irritation

- Numerous methods developed in 1980s-90s
- Numerous validation studies conducted in 1990s
- 1993 IRAG workshop
 - Several in vitro test methods evaluated as replacements for in vivo tests
 - No test methods valid as replacements
- However, test guidelines were modified to allow for the use of in vitro test methods following future validation <u>and</u> acceptance
 - **EPA OPPTS**,1998
 - GHS: tiered testing strategy, 2003
- EU: will accept positive results for classification as R41 (risk of serious damage to the eye)



In Vitro Ocular Irritation Test Methods

- European Commission Directive 2004/73/EC (29 April 2004)
 Regarding: IRE BCOP ICE HET-CAM
 - "These tests are not yet validated, and therefore not included in Annex V"
 - Positive results can be used to consider a substance a severe irritant and R41 applied with no further testing
 - "Where a negative result is obtained, an in vivo test should subsequently be required, as the in vitro tests have not been shown to adequately discriminate between eye irritants and non-irritants."



ICCVAM Ocular Evaluation

Background

Oct 2003 EPA formal nomination of four ocular evaluation activities

Jan 2004 ICCVAM endorsed all EPA nomination activities as high priority

- Highest priority: evaluation of in vitro screening methods for ocular corrosives/severe irritants
- Ocular Toxicity Working Group established to coordinate evaluation with NICEATM



ICCVAM Ocular Evaluation (cont'd)

March 2004 Request for Public Comment on the Nominations, and Request for Data on Chemicals Evaluated by *In Vitro* or *In Vivo* Ocular Irritancy Test Methods

- Federal Register Notice (69 FR 13859, March 24, 2004)
- ECVAM distributed Notice to European scientific community

April 2004 Request for Nominations of Scientific Experts for

Independent Expert Panel

- Federal Register Notice (69 FR 21565, April 21, 2004)

Apr-Oct 2004 Preparation of 4 Draft Background Review Documents

Nov 2004 Notice of an Expert Panel Meeting and the Availability of

the Draft BRDs; Request for Comments

- Federal Register Notice (69 FR 64081, Nov 3, 2004)

Dec 2004 Notice of Additional Data and Analyses

- Federal Register Notice (69 FR 70268, Dec 3, 2004)

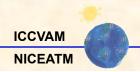
Jan 2005 ICCVAM Expert Panel Meeting



Charge to the Expert Panel

- 1. Evaluate, for each of the four test methods, the extent and adequacy that each of the applicable ICCVAM validation and acceptance criteria:
 - Have been addressed, based on available information and data, or
 - Will be addressed in proposed studies

for the purpose of identifying ocular corrosives and severe irritants in a tiered testing strategy.



Charge to the Expert Panel

- 2. Develop conclusions and recommendations on:
 - Current usefulness and limitations of each of the four test methods for identifying ocular corrosives and severe/irreversible irritants
 - The test method protocol that should be used for future testing and validation studies
 - Adequacy of proposed optimization and/or validation studies
 - Adequacy of reference substances proposed for future validation studies



Future ICCVAM Ocular Activities

May 10-11, 2005 Scientific Symposium on Mechanisms of

Chemically-Induced Ocular Injury and

Recovery

May 12, 2005 Scientific Symposium on Minimizing Pain and

Distress in Ocular Toxicity Testing

Fall, 2005 ICCVAM Peer Review Panel Meeting

 Non-animal approaches for evaluating skin and eye irritation potential for antimicrobial cleaning product

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